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Mr. Joseph Rothstein, AA
Senator Mike Gravel
U.S.Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Rothstein,

Late last night, after I return from town and mailing yesterday's letters to you, the young man to whom I referred again phoned me. Like me, he continues to be concerned about the potential and possible intentions of the author of the anonymous note you got.

As he sees it, the part referring, among other things, to food, can be interpreted as suggesting the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy, which was in a kitchen. He considers that Duncan, the murdered King, is a reference to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There thus could be this interpretation: references, in this order, to the JFK, MLK and RFK assassinations, which would give more meaning to the conclusion, which begins "Next" and unmistakeably refers to Senator McGovern.

If this is intended as a prediction, then the timing would be spring, when fertilizer (Vigoro) is applied and when the New Hampshire primary (lilacs) takes place.

This man has taken time I have not and has read the Book of Luke adjacent to Chapter 19, verse 40. As he puts it, Christ was asked to ask his disciples to cool it. Christ's reply was if he did the very stones would cry out.

If all the suggestions I have sent you are valid, this, of course, would not necessarily mean that there is a man who intends to kill Senator McGovern. It might be no more than your original hunch, that someone has a very black sense of humor. However, if you had studied the political assassination as I have and, I think, despite his official responsibilities, Tom Kelley has not had time to (or, I should say, because of them), you might see in all of this a consistency those wedded to official postures and interpretations would reject. Each of the victims had changed his policies and beliefs just before he was killed and in each case the conspicuous thing is attitude toward the Viet Nam war.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg